

March 25, 2022



Town of
Berwyn Heights
Maryland

"ALL ARE WELCOME"

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 28: BHEAC 7PM

APRIL 4: WORKSESSION
7PM

APRIL 5: REC COUNCIL
7PM

APRIL 6: NW/EP 7PM

APRIL 7: BOYS AND GIRLS
CLUB 7PM VIRTUAL

APRIL 13: TOWN MEETING
7PM

APRIL 15: GOOD FRIDAY,
MOST TOWN OFFICES
CLOSED AT 1PM

Council Election

Date: May 3, 2022

7AM to 7PM

The Berwyn Heights Town Council election will be held on May 3, 2022 from 7AM to 7PM. The election is scheduled to be in the Senior Center, dependent on COVID protocols. All registered voters are able to request an absentee ballot for any reason between April 4 and April 26. All absentee ballots **MUST** be received by 7PM on May 3rd to be counted.

Candidates Night will be held on April 26th at 8PM. Stay tuned for more information!

POISON IVY

It is spring time, and as the weather gets nice, those of us who love gardening are once again ready to venture outdoors and beautify our outdoor spaces. But as we venture out, we sometimes run into challenges that get in the way of being able to enjoying gardening. One of those challenges is poison ivy.

Many people are allergic to urushiol, the chemical compound found in both the leaves as well as the woody stems of poison ivy. Poison ivy is a native plant to Maryland, and is actually a plant that most wildlife are not allergic to, and can even feed on. However, for many humans, it can cause very uncomfortable rashes.

Growing up, you may have heard the phrase, "Leaves of three, let it be". One of poison ivy's most identifiable traits is that it has three leaflets on each leaf which is probably the easiest way to distinguish it. In the fall, however, it drops its leaves and can be harder to identify. Beware though, because its woody stems also can still cause severe allergic reactions like the leaves. There is another phrase to remember if you come across poison ivy in the winter, "If it's hairy, it is scary". The woody vine of poison ivy is covered in a hairy coating which is another great way to identify it and avoid contact.

If you are doing late winter/early spring garden clean-ups and aren't sure if there is poison ivy present, wear gloves and long sleeves to avoid infection.". The winter can be a good time to cut the vines at the base and that will kill the rest of the vine going up the tree. At least without leaves, it is a little easier to get to the stems with less contact unlike in the summer when it is full of leaves. Afterward, you should use soap and water to clean off your pruning equipment, as well as any skin that may have come in contact with the plant.

If you don't want to have physical contact, herbicides can be used as well, but for other environmental reasons herbicides should be a last resort.

Often natural resource managers try to focus poison ivy control efforts based on the likelihood that humans will come in contact with the plant. If there is poison ivy in a completely untraveled area, it is less of a problem than if it is growing near pathways or outdoor recreational areas. If it does encroach into those areas, it may be worth coming up with a control plan.

For additional information, go to [Poison Ivy | University of Maryland Extension \(umd.edu\)](https://www.umd.edu) to see photos and learn more information.

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INVASIVE SPECIES IVY CLEAN UP:

Watch Public Works Director, Brad Pudner give removal tips in the video on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/townofberwynheightsmd/>

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY

MAY 7!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY!**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

ANNUAL FUN RUN (8AM REGISTRATION)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (9AM)

BAKE SALE

PARADE

RIDES, CRAFT VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC AND MORE!